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Claims Adjuster

Don Van Kempen's claims lead to a pair of millionaires

BY TRACY GANTZ

Not too many people campaign two millionaires in their lifetime. Don Van Kempen took it further and found his seven-figure earners via the claim box.

For \$25,000 in 2003, he claimed Moscow Burning. She proceeded to win a total of \$1,417,800 to become the all-time leading money-earning California-bred female.

"I never intended to have a horse like Moscow Burning ever," said Van Kempen, who is known as Don Van and calls his stable Don Van Racing. "You have no idea how lucky I am to have had a horse like this."

The year after he claimed Moscow Burning, Van Kempen claimed Lunge for \$20,000. She paid for herself on the racetrack and then produced The Usual Q. T. for Van Kempen. That Cal-bred gelding has earned nearly \$1.5 million with victories in the 2010 Eddie Read Stakes (gr. IT)

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Grade I winner The Usual Q. T.; above, Don Van Kempen

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LEADING SIRE... NO CONTEST!



Leading Sire UNUSUAL HEAT

Topped California's sire list for the third consecutive year in 2010 with progeny earnings of \$4,342,128 more than \$1,000,000 clear of his nearest competitor.

Sire of three Grade I winners in 2010 more than **A.P. Indy** (\$150,000), **Distorted Humor** (\$100,000), **Unbridled's Song** (\$100,000) and equal to **Street Cry** (\$150,000) and **Medaglia d'Oro** (\$100,000).

Nureyev-Rossard, by Glacial

FEE: \$20,000 LIVE FOAL

Payable Nov. 1 of year bred

LUCKY PULPIT Top Freshman

With 10 starters, eight winners and two stakes winners from his first 2-year-old crop, **Lucky Pulpit** led all Freshman sires on the West Coast and was a runaway leader in California by just over \$250,000.

Ranked among the top 30 Freshmen nationally, **Lucky Pulpit** was California's sire leader by 2-year-old average earnings per runner: \$27,537 - 11X his stud fee.

Pulpit-Lucky Soph, by Cozzene

FEE: \$2,500 LIVE FOAL

Payable at foaling

ALSO STANDING:

SWISS YODELER

*Eastern Echo-Drapeau,
by Raja Baba*

FEE: \$5,000 LF

TIZBUD

*Cee's Tizzy-Cee's Song,
by Seattle Song*

FEE: \$2,500 LF

DESERT CODE

*E. Dubai-Chatta Code,
by Lost Code*

FEE: \$2,000 LF

SINGLETARY

*Sultry Song-Joiski's Star,
by Star de Naskra*

FEE: \$1,500 LF

STORMY JACK

*Bertrando-Tiny Kristin,
by Steelinctive*

FEE: \$1,500 LF

LUCKY J. H.

*Cee's Tizzy- Lucky C. H.,
by A.P. Indy*

FEE: \$1,500 LF



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California Graded Stakes Winner by California Leading Sire STORMIN FEVER!

- Won 3 of 5 lifetime starts, including a 6-length score in the Grade 2 Lazaro Barrera Memorial S. in 1:22 1/5.
- Won a Santa Anita allowance by 7 1/2 lengths, setting fractions of :22, :44 4/5, : 56 4/5, and 1:09 flat for a 101 Beyer!
- Broke his maiden in his second start by 7 lengths at Santa Anita, posting a 104 Beyer!

By **STORM CAT**'s #1 leading sire son in California with 2010 earnings of \$3.5 million+ and three 2010 Graded stakes winners, **STORM WOLF** is a full brother to G1-performing, G3 SW **MISTY ROSETTE**. His dam is record-setting SW **EXCLUSIVE ROSETTE**. Graded stakes family of **MIAMI SUN**, **CONTACT GAME**, etc.

His attractive first foals are yearlings in 2011.

- Fee: \$2,500 Live Foal



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Marino Marini

STORM CAT — HALO AMERICA, BY WAQUOIT

#1 Nationally-Ranked Leading Synthetic Sire in 2011

Already 11 winners this year, and **Marino Marini** is #1 nationally by 2011 synthetic surface earnings. Top current runners are headed by MSP **Bleach Blonde** (\$132,592), winner of back-to-back Allowances at Golden Gate; and SW and 2011 Allowance winner **SHUDACUDAWUDYA** (\$116,336).

With lifetime progeny earnings more than \$2.3 million, **Marino Marini** was California's #1 Third-Crop Sire by 2010 winners which included SWs **MONEY LOVER**, **HOT FUSION**, and **SILVER SENSATION**.

■ Fee: \$2,500 Live Foal

McCann's Mojave

MEMO — JONI U. BAR, BY NORDIC PRINCE

Record-Setting, Multiple Graded Stakes Winner of \$1.5 Million

All surface stakes winner including graded victories at 6 1/2F, 1 1/16 miles, and 1 1/8 miles (NTR). Defeated 15 Grade 1 winners including **CONGAREE**, **HEATSEEKER**, **PERFECT DRIFT**, **SILVER WAGON**, **TIAGO**, **TASTE OF PARADISE** and **UNFURL THE FLAG**.

Outstanding first foals are 2011 yearlings!

■ Fee: \$3,000 Live Foal (Consideration to approved mares)



Southern Image

HALO'S IMAGE — PLEASANT DIXIE, BY DIXIELAND BAND

California's #1 Leading Third-Crop Sire by money and winners

\$2.3 million+ in progeny earnings, 64 winners, and 7 stakes horses headed by 2011 Graded SW **CALIBRACHOA** (\$220,540). First or second in his last 8 starts, **CALIBRACHOA** scored consecutive stakes wins in Aqueduct's \$65,000 Gravesend S. and G3 \$100,000 Toboggan S.

Six stakes horses last year included SW **SOUTHERN FIREBALL**, **Privileged** (3rd Swale S.-G2), **Mallory Square** (3rd Florida Oaks-G3), and **Southern Ridge** (3rd \$175,000 Long Branch S., etc.)

■ Fee: \$4,000 Live Foal

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Rank	Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing	2011 Stud Fee	Rns/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstret SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2011 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	UNUSUAL HEAT (90, Nureyev), Harris Farms	\$20,000	48/9	0/0	0/0	(The Usual Q. T., \$60,000)	\$446,543	*499	27	2.16	1.11
2	BERTRANDO (89, Skywalker), Ballena Vista Farm	\$8,000	35/12	1/1	0/1	(Bloemer Girl, \$85,290)	\$283,895	967	51	1.42	1.58
3	BENCHMARK (91, Alydar), Ballena Vista Farm	\$4,000	66/11	0/0	0/0	(Mark the Bench, \$20,340)	\$252,833	605	30	1.29	1.21
4	IN EXCESS (IRE) (87, Siberian Express), Vessels Stallion Farm	\$12,500	50/12	0/0	0/0	(Sassou, \$32,400)	\$231,261	936	62	1.73	1.46
5	MARINO MARINI (00, Storm Cat), Rancho San Miguel	\$2,500	35/10	0/0	0/0	(Bleach Blonde, \$53,040)	\$229,604	184	4	0.96	1.06
6	CEE'S TIZZY (87, Relaunch), Harris Farms	Pnsd	28/6	0/0	0/0	(Magic Launch, \$68,496)	\$206,925	714	39	1.72	1.18
7	SIBERIAN SUMMER (89, Siberian Express), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	27/9	0/0	0/0	(Sammartino, \$36,960)	\$180,008	*362	13	1.09	0.89
8	SOUTHERN IMAGE (00, Halo's Image), Rancho San Miguel	\$4,000	36/10	1/1	0/1	(Calibrachoa, \$60,000)	\$173,519	*244	2	0.89	1.48
9	OLD TOPPER (95, Gilded Time), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	54/11	0/0	0/0	(Champagne Topper, \$20,800)	\$169,551	444	15	1.01	0.90
10	MINISTERS WILD CAT (00, Deputy Minister), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$4,000	29/5	0/0	0/0	(Jim's No Preacher, \$53,040)	\$156,054	158	2	0.80	1.05
11	TRIBAL RULE (96, Storm Cat), Ballena Vista Farm	\$6,000	42/8	0/0	0/0	(Chiloquin, \$33,600)	\$150,440	338	14	1.50	1.20
12	KAFWAIN (00, Cherokee Run), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$5,000	44/7	0/0	0/0	(Daisy Devine, \$20,000)	\$145,956	*354	12	1.10	1.33
13	SWISS YODELER (94, Eastern Echo), Harris Farms	\$5,000	62/7	0/0	0/0	(Yodelen Dan, \$13,104)	\$140,182	640	23	1.09	1.08
14	REDATTORE (BRZ) (95, Roi Normand), Harris Farms	\$2,500	28/5	0/0	0/0	(Red Defense, \$43,680)	\$128,526	*379	2	1.08	1.21
15	ATTICUS (92, Nureyev), Magali Farms	\$3,000	28/8	0/0	0/0	(Battling Atticus, \$22,680)	\$121,571	407	12	1.11	1.54
16	TIZBUD (99, Cee's Tizzy), Harris Farms	\$2,500	12/2	0/0	0/0	(Tiz Argent, \$58,240)	\$112,810	88	1	1.02	0.95
17	SALT LAKE (89, Deputy Minister), Golden Eagle Farm	Died, 2010	36/6	0/0	0/0	(Queen of the Lake, \$22,800)	\$101,538	*1188	51	1.45	1.42
18	SEA OF SECRETS (95, Storm Cat), Ballena Vista Farm	\$2,500	32/8	0/0	0/0	(Shred the Secrets, \$32,400)	\$96,524	*406	19	0.99	1.11
19	WESTERN FAME (92, Gone West), Applebite Farms	\$2,500	20/4	0/0	0/0	(Sittytwofitty, \$23,800)	\$88,486	272	13	0.94	0.82
20	HIGH BRITE (84, Best Turn), Harris Farms	Died, 2010	40/6	0/0	0/0	(Quick Enough, \$22,000)	\$86,855	*913	46	1.06	1.19
21	DEPUTY COMMANDER (94, Deputy Minister)	Died, 2009	38/5	0/0	0/0	(Commandeered, \$26,230)	\$84,586	*562	24	1.23	1.63
22	SAFE IN THE U S A (99, Gone West), Tommy Town Thoroughbreds	\$3,000	11/3	1/1	0/1	(See I A, \$36,000)	\$76,715	59	1	1.26	1.21
23	DECARCHY (97, Distant View), Magali Farms	\$4,000	29/4	0/0	0/0	(Quisisana, \$17,060)	\$73,936	228	5	1.07	1.01
24	RICHLI BLENDED (98, Rizzi)	Died, 2006	12/3	0/0	0/0	(Ultra Blend, \$33,000)	\$70,525	120	2	0.87	0.78
25	STORMIN FEVER (94, Storm Cat), Golden Eagle Farm	\$6,500	39/4	0/0	0/0	(Storm the Field, \$13,400)	\$66,115	*587	27	1.28	1.47
26	GLOBALIZE (97, Summer Squall), Victory Rose Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	19/6	1/1	0/1	(Cell Line Forever, \$15,000)	\$64,287	137	2	0.72	0.82
27	FREESPOOL (96, Geiger Counter), Special T Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	36/5	0/0	0/0	(Miss Peanut, \$18,200)	\$63,785	192	2	0.60	0.81
28	LIT DE JUSTICE (90, El Gran Senor), Magali Farms	N/A	25/3	0/0	0/0	(Lit de Bet, \$16,860)	\$57,079	385	22	1.28	1.18
29	MOMENTUM (98, Nureyev), Vessels Stallion Farm	\$5,000	30/6	0/0	0/0	(Mo Cheese, \$11,400)	\$55,245	151	1	0.62	1.09
30	TANNERSMYMAN (98, Lord Carson), Woodbridge Farm	N/A	14/3	0/0	0/0	(Autism Awareness, \$29,280)	\$55,128	81	1	0.94	0.77
31	BIRDONTHEWIRE (89, Proud Birdie), Madera Thoroughbreds	\$3,500	6/3	0/0	0/0	(Soul Candy, \$33,000)	\$53,455	*246	10	1.32	1.41
32	COMIC STRIP (95, Red Ransom), Gray	\$1,500	17/2	0/0	0/0	(Sunday Comic, \$10,140)	\$52,768	286	11	0.80	1.22
33	HIGH DEMAND (97, Danzig)	N/A	9/1	0/0	0/0	(Dani Reese, \$33,600)	\$52,276	124	1	0.89	1.20
34	TEN MOST WANTED (00, Deputy Commander), Magali Farms	\$3,000	27/1	0/0	0/0	(No Imagination, \$11,200)	\$50,663	139	1	0.63	1.26
35	SUANCES (GB) (97, Most Welcome), Rancho Temescal	\$1,500	10/1	0/0	0/0	(Suances Flower, \$32,400)	\$48,709	65	1	0.94	1.29
36	VALID WAGER (92, Valid Appeal)	Died, 2007	23/3	0/0	0/0	(She'smylittleman, \$21,000)	\$47,355	500	18	1.06	1.22
37	OLMODAVOR (99, A.P. Indy), Magali Farms	\$5,000	26/6	0/0	0/0	(W W Olma, \$10,800)	\$46,559	*162	4	0.92	1.40
38	SINGLETARY (00, Sultry Song), Harris Farms	\$1,500	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Logical Single, \$35,360)	\$44,790	73	2	0.70	1.25
39	STORMED (99, Storm Cat), Warren's Thoroughbreds	\$1,000	5/1	0/0	0/0	(Warren's Knockout, \$32,400)	\$41,440	71	0	0.33	0.85
40	ROAR (93, Forty Niner)	Died, 2008	19/4	0/0	0/0	(Cold Roar, \$9,000)	\$41,267	*649	17	1.50	1.37
41	ALYMAGIC (86, Alydar), Daehling Ranch	\$1,000	8/1	0/0	0/0	(My Golly, \$20,880)	\$40,298	89	0	0.70	0.83
42	FLYING CONTINENTAL (86, Flying Paster)	Died, 2004	12/2	0/0	0/0	(Pack Your Bags, \$14,960)	\$39,602	493	23	0.92	1.08
43	PERFECT MANDATE (96, Gone West), Old English Rancho	\$7,500	21/3	0/0	0/0	(He's a Dance Star, \$7,120)	\$37,493	286	11	1.00	1.25
44	CAPSIZED (96, Summer Squall)	N/A	9/4	0/0	0/0	(Nitro Active, \$12,160)	\$37,436	114	0	0.64	0.88
45	TRAPPER (00, Iron Cat), Rivendell Ranch	\$1,000	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Upstairs Maid, \$26,820)	\$36,900	16	0	1.18	0.87
46	RAISE SUZURAN (94, Woodman)	N/A	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Run Suki Run, \$29,280)	\$35,870	46	1	0.45	0.69
47	GAME PLAN (93, Danzig), E. A. Ranches	\$2,500	17/2	0/0	0/0	(Emily Pearl, \$9,240)	\$35,809	394	22	0.87	0.82
48	FREE HOUSE (94, Smokester)	Died, 2004	7/3	0/0	0/0	(Fox in the House, \$18,960)	\$35,681	181	7	0.99	1.49
49	VRONSKY (99, Danzig), Old English Rancho	\$2,500	9/1	0/0	0/0	(Master Chef, \$13,680)	\$34,701	64	1	1.37	0.77
50	GOOD JOURNEY (96, Nureyev), Magali Farms	\$5,000	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Diamond Journey, \$18,400)	\$34,523	*188	1	1.37	1.01
51	LUCKY PULPIT (01, Pulpit), Harris Farms	\$2,500	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Lucky Timing, \$13,800)	\$34,320	46	1	1.73	1.29
52	MICHAEL'S FLYER (86, Flying Paster)	Pnsd	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Alias Michael, \$25,740)	\$33,240	106	3	0.95	0.60
53	POPULAR (99, Saint Ballado), Cottonwood Creek Ranch	N/A	11/3	0/0	0/0	(Brown Is Beige, \$10,000)	\$32,167	59	0	0.83	0.99
54	CRAFTY C. T. (98, Crafty Prospector), Windfall Farms	\$5,000	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Crafty N P, \$11,400)	\$31,225	*89	1	0.89	0.95
55	MUD ROUTE (94, Strawberry Road), Special T Thoroughbreds	\$2,500	13/2	0/0	0/0	(Mi Mejor Carta, \$8,690)	\$30,918	252	6	0.83	0.94
56	POTEEN (94, Irish River), Old English Rancho	\$1,500	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Teenage Dancer, \$23,780)	\$28,480	71	3	0.87	0.80
57	MUQTARIB (96, Gone West)	Pnsd	12/1	0/0	0/0	(Meltarib, \$17,280)	\$27,834	*270	4	0.61	0.95
58	REBA'S GOLD (97, Slew o' Gold), Windfall Farms	\$2,000	3/1	0/0	0/0	(Stalking Gold, \$26,500)	\$26,900	14	0	0.75	0.67
59	ANCIENT ART (01, Storm Cat), Warren's Thoroughbreds	\$2,000	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Warren's Concept, \$11,400)	\$26,880	56	0	0.46	0.70
60	BLAZONRY (00, Hennessy), Running Horse Equine Training Center	\$2,500	6/1	0/0	0/0	(Holyfield, \$23,100)	\$26,860	22	0	0.82	0.73
61	FLAME THROWER (98, Saint Ballado), Oak Hill Farm	\$3,500	11/1	0/0	0/0	(Know the Flame, \$12,000)	\$24,010	*211	2	0.83	1.07
62	TRUCKEE (92, Danzig), Oak Hill Farm	\$1,500	10/3	0/0	0/0	(My T Truck, \$7,200)	\$22,823	164	5	0.69	0.76
63	IRON CAT (95, Storm Cat), Oak Hill Farm	\$2,500	11/3	0/0	0/0	(Hard Woman, \$6,860)	\$22,752	119	5	0.92	1.04
64	LORD CARSON (92, Carson City)	Died, 2005	9/1	0/0	0/0	(Bamaha Breeze, \$9,400)	\$22,510	465	28	1.16	1.28
65	GREY MEMO (97, Memo), Ridgeley Farm	N/A	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Memo to Kathy, \$15,000)	\$21,396	44	0	0.83	0.81
66	THISNEARLYWASMINE (94, Capote), Daehling Ranch	\$2,000	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Newfy, \$14,200)	\$21,378	55	0	0.94	0.80
67	ONE MAN ARMY (94, Roman Diplomat), Milkyway Farm	\$5,000	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Scofield Barracks, \$13,104)	\$21,187	62	4	1.45	0.89
68	BEAU GENIUS (85, Bold Ruckus)	Pnsd	20/0	0/0	0/0	(Niner Genus, \$6,168)	\$21,148	*743	39	1.20	1.17
69	RAINBOW BLUES (IRE) (93, Bluebird)	Pnsd	9/2	0/0	0/0	(Tudor Blue, \$7,920)	\$20,914	78	1	0.68	1.13
70	MOSCOW BALLET (82, Nijinsky II)	Died, 2008	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Moscow Movie, \$14,820)	\$20,442	*757	21	1.20	1.29

*A-E and COMPARABLE INDEX: The lifetime Average-Earnings Index indicates how much purse money the progeny of one sire has earned, on the average, in relation to the average earnings of all runners in the same years; average earnings of all runners in any year is represented by an index of 1.00. The Comparable Index indicates the average earnings of progeny produced from mares bred to one sire, when these same mares were bred to other sires. Only 32% of all sires have a lifetime AEI higher than their mares Comparable Index.



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OLD TOPPER

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1	TAVASCO (97, Tabasco Cat), Lawson Ranch	\$2,000	9/8	1/1	1/1	(Salsa Express, \$79,413)	\$160,715	36	2	0.90	0.96
2	CAUSE UR MINE (02, Giant's Causeway), Outback Stallion Station/ Tree Top Ranches	\$750	12/6	1/1	0/1	(Our Minesweeper, \$39,400)	\$106,159	47	1	0.74	0.38
3	COASTAL VOYAGE (84, Coastal)	N/A	4/2	1/2	0/1	(Shivers Me, \$70,060)	\$78,949	75	3	0.88	0.81
4	FABULOUS FROLIC (91, Green Dancer), Cliff Schvaneveldt Farm	N/A	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Smooth Tango, \$57,620)	\$71,118	174	2	0.46	0.92
5	REVERSAL (97, Gone West), Treasure Ranch	\$2,000	13/5	0/0	0/0	(Hammett Star, \$14,560)	\$53,935	46	2	0.48	1.26

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(continued from page 466) and 2009 Hollywood Derby (gr. IT), and he finished third to Eclipse Award winners Goldikova and Gio Ponti in last year's TVG Breeders' Cup Mile (gr. IT).

Moscow Burning and The Usual Q. T. are pure Cal-breds, not horses by Kentucky sires who were foaled on the West Coast. Harris Farms and the Ken Maddy Trust bred Moscow Burning, a daughter of longtime Harris Farms stallion Moscow Ballet. The Usual Q. T. is by perennial leading California stallion Unusual Heat, who now stands at Harris Farms near Coalinga.

Van Kempen, 70, isn't a Cal-bred, though two of his three children are. He hails from New Jersey, where he grew up watching flat racing at Atlantic City and harness racing at Yonkers Raceway.

"My mother used to call in bets to a bookmaker at the hairdresser's," Van Kempen said.

Young Don started getting in on the gambling action through the bookmaker

at age 12. He also rented a horse to ride whenever he had the opportunity.

Van Kempen moved to the Los Angeles area in 1966 "because I hated the rain in New Jersey." Not long afterward he bought a Tennessee Walking Horse.

"I just really loved horses," he said. "I started riding with a friend of mine."

That love of horses eventually morphed into Van Kempen's current business, EQyss Grooming Products for horses and pets. The company manufactures products designed to be environmentally friendly without ingredients that coat or damage hair. Son Dallas and daughter Carlee help Van Kempen with the business and have expanded it to include the Ovation line of hair care products for people.

The family business is headquartered in Carlsbad, Calif., not far from Van Kempen's home in Vista and also near Del Mar racetrack. That friendly environment encompasses the workplace, as Dallas and Don bring their dogs to work every morning.

Riding and Racing

Van Kempen's love of horses and riding also led to his Thoroughbred ownership.

2011 California Sires By Winners

Sire	Rnrs	Wnrs
In Excess (IRE).....	50.....	12
Bertrando.....	35.....	12
Benchmark.....	66.....	11
Old Topper.....	54.....	11
Southern Image.....	36.....	10
Marino Marini.....	35.....	10
Unusual Heat.....	48.....	9
Siberian Summer.....	27.....	9
Tribal Rule.....	42.....	8
Sea of Secrets.....	32.....	8
Atticus.....	28.....	8
Swiss Yodeler.....	62.....	7
Kafwain.....	44.....	7
High Brite.....	40.....	6
Salt Lake.....	36.....	6
Momentum.....	30.....	6
Cee's Tizzy.....	28.....	6
Olmodavor.....	26.....	6
Globalize.....	19.....	6
Deputy Commander.....	38.....	5
Freespool.....	36.....	5
Ministers Wild Cat.....	29.....	5
Redattore (BRZ).....	28.....	5
Stormin Fever.....	39.....	4
Decarchy.....	29.....	4
Western Fame.....	20.....	4
Roar.....	19.....	4
Capsized.....	9.....	4
Lit de Justice.....	25.....	3
Valid Wager.....	23.....	3
Perfect Mandate.....	21.....	3
Tannersmyman.....	14.....	3
Richly Blended.....	12.....	3
Iron Cat.....	11.....	3
Popular.....	11.....	3
Safe in the U S A.....	11.....	3
Truckee.....	10.....	3
Free House.....	7.....	3
General Meeting.....	7.....	3
Singletary.....	7.....	3
Birdonthewire.....	6.....	3



A frequent sighting in Southern California: Van Kempen (center, right) in the winner's circle

While at the racetrack one day in the early 1970s, he encountered a riding buddy. She asked if he had a horse in one of the races, thinking he already owned racehorses.

"I wouldn't know how to get one," Van Kempen told her.

The friend introduced Van Kempen to trainer Lin Wheeler, who taught him the process of claiming a horse. Van Kempen claimed the mare Lacey Lil for \$10,000, but she proceeded to run last four times.

"The horse just needs confidence," Wheeler said. "We're going to send her to Caliente."

The first time Lacey Lil was scheduled to run at Caliente, Don made a family outing of it, driving Dallas and Carlee from Los Angeles to Caliente in Tijuana, Mexico, some 150 miles south. Lacey Lil ran last again.

Van Kempen sold Lacey Lil at auction for \$5,000, added \$12,500 to that, and claimed Snow Louis, who became his first winner. His next horse, Princes Fir, won some money for Van Kempen and finished third in the 1976 Governor's Cup Handicap at Pomona behind the good sprinter Cherry River.

"That horse is what really got me going," said Van Kempen. "I ended up with a



Moscow Burning, a \$20,000 claim, was the all-time top Cal-bred earning female when she was retired

couple hundred thousand dollars worth of claimers. I always liked claiming and never intended to have good horses. I just wanted to have fun. I liked betting, but I really liked the horses just as much."

Ono Gummo, a 1982 son of Gummo—Dancing Alone, by Whodunit, appealed to

Van Kempen so much that he claimed the horse several times throughout a 99-race career.

"I'd run him for \$12,500, and they'd claim him from me and not do any good," Van Kempen said. "They'd put him in for \$12,000 or \$10,000, and I'd claim him

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Rank	Stallion (Foaling Year, Sire), Farm Standing	2011 Stud Fee	Rnrs/ Wnrs	Stakes Wnrs/ Wns	Rstrct SW/ BT SW	(Chief Earner, Earnings)	2011 Earnings	Cumulative			
								Foals	Stks Wnrs	*A-E Index	*Comp Index
1	PARKER'S STORM CAT (00, Storm Cat), Gibson Thoroughbred Farm	\$2,000	29/6	0/0	0/0	(Sloane Ranger, \$39,480)	\$154,185	*168	2	0.96	1.22
2	HE'S TOPS (93, Seattle Slew), Woodstead Farm	\$2,500	16/5	1/1	1/1	(Reba Is Tops, \$93,480)	\$110,884	265	10	0.58	0.67
3	PRIVATE GOLD (00, Seeking the Gold), El Dorado Farms	\$1,500	16/7	0/0	0/0	(Special Holiday, \$20,400)	\$63,748	102	2	0.56	0.64
4	MATTY G (93, Capote), El Dorado Farms	\$2,000	26/5	0/0	0/0	(Gerwinii, \$10,596)	\$41,932	*443	13	0.93	1.04
5	POLISH MINER (97, Danzig), St. Hilaire Thoroughbreds	\$600	14/2	0/0	0/0	(Major Minor, \$7,480)	\$36,635	145	0	1.06	1.01
6	TRIBUNAL (97, Deputy Minister)	Died, 2008	21/3	0/0	0/0	(Last Tribute, \$9,350)	\$36,062	184	10	0.84	0.79
7	CAHILL ROAD (88, Fappiano), El Dorado Farms	Died, 2010	12/2	0/0	0/0	(Cahill Country, \$14,200)	\$31,388	*604	30	1.03	1.19
8	DELINEATOR (91, Storm Cat), Woodstead Farm	\$2,000	14/3	0/0	0/0	(Im Pure Brass, \$5,510)	\$21,189	301	15	0.67	0.88
9	YOU AND I (91, Kris S.), Woodstead Farm	\$2,500	13/3	0/0	0/0	(We Are One, \$9,060)	\$20,831	*477	16	1.15	1.43
10	TRAIL CITY (93, Red Ransom)	Died, 2008	10/2	0/0	0/0	(Rosiana, \$8,640)	\$19,638	151	4	0.77	0.96
11	SLEWLEDO (81, Seattle Slew)	Died, 2006	13/1	0/0	0/0	(Yacht Spotter, \$6,648)	\$16,107	705	45	0.70	0.62
12	KLINSMAN (IRE) (94, Danehill), Sport Horse	\$2,500	7/2	0/0	0/0	(Forty Dates, \$5,920)	\$15,570	60	5	0.41	0.53
13	FREE AT LAST (89, Wild Again), El Dorado Farms	\$1,500	14/0	0/0	0/0	(Ann's Seven, \$5,360)	\$14,974	438	24	0.58	0.77
14	STOLEN GOLD (94, Conquistador Cielo), Pulse Ranches	\$2,000	7/1	0/0	0/0	(Ms Golden Gardens, \$4,660)	\$13,667	95	3	0.66	0.49
15	PETERSBURG (86, Danzig)	Died, 2006	5/3	0/0	0/0	(Clemens Brook, \$5,115)	\$12,775	334	22	0.66	0.58
16	LIBERTY GOLD (94, Crafty Prospector), El Dorado Farms	\$2,000	11/2	0/0	0/0	(Gold Plan, \$4,680)	\$12,722	155	4	0.37	0.66
17	PEAK A BOOTRANDO (01, Bertrando), Pulse Ranches	\$1,000	4/2	0/0	0/0	(Peaknatacat, \$5,796)	\$12,031	14	0	0.37	0.60
18	HEAVENLY SEARCH (98, Seeking the Gold)	Died, 2007	3/2	0/0	0/0	(Heavenly Wind, \$6,900)	\$10,695	30	0	0.33	0.67
19	MAJESTERIAN (88, Pleasant Colony)	Died, 2006	4/1	0/0	0/0	(Nina Win, \$4,400)	\$9,440	176	7	0.61	0.79
20	STORM BLAST (94, Storm Cat)	N/A	5/2	0/0	0/0	(Lil Stormin Torie, \$5,040)	\$8,490	111	1	0.46	0.45

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again and win some races. Finally, I said I didn't want to lose the horse again, and I decided to make him a stud."

Ono Gummo won 24 races and earned \$388,440 during his career. He placed in six stakes at Longacres in Washington. Van Kempen had a couple of claiming mares that he bred to Ono Gummo, but the horse didn't succeed as a stallion.

Nevertheless, Van Kempen kept Ono Gummo until he died. The owner believes strongly in finding homes for his horses. Carlee rides dressage horses and hunter-jumpers, and she has turned former racehorses Foxy Hill, Joe Leggs, and Peaktopeak into show horses.

"My dad has repurposed many more than that," said Carlee. "I think Thoroughbreds are terrifically suited to careers after racing. They have a desire and an expectation to work."

Van Kempen often puts the horses in his children's name. Carlee is listed as the breeder of The Usual Q. T.

"I don't make any of the decisions in Don Van Racing," said Carlee, "although I am always up-to-date on what horses are running and breeding. My dad introduced me to horse racing, and it's a passion that we share."

The horses even dictated Carlee's recent wedding date. She and her fiancé, Jon Cayton, originally selected Jan. 29 for their wedding day. But that was the date of the Sunshine Millions, when The Usual Q. T. would be running in the Sunshine Millions Turf at Santa Anita.

"My dad said he'd come to the wedding if it was the 29th, but he'd need a TV to watch the race," said Carlee.

Instead, Carlee and Jon attended the



Jon Cayton and Carlee Van Kempen delayed their wedding because The Usual Q. T. was running in the Sunshine Millions

Sunshine Millions and watched The Usual Q. T. run second to Caracortado. Van Kempen walked his daughter down the aisle the following day.

Carlee and Dallas often go to the races in California. When Moscow Burning won the 2004 Sheepshead Bay Handicap (gr. IIT) at Belmont Park in New York, the East-

ern Van Kempens were also able to share in the excitement.

Van Kempen's son Jeffrey was born in New Jersey and remained in the East. Jeffrey's son, 12-year-old Austin, particularly loved seeing his grandfather's horse win the Sheepshead Bay.

"Austin is nuts about horses," Van Kempen said. "The race went off, and this kid started screaming and jumping. He was really into it. He still is—he runs home from school with his friends to watch the races on TV. He's just like me. He wants to bet, and he loves the horses."

One Claim in a Million

Moscow Burning was Van Kempen's most successful claim. By 2003 Van Kempen had his horses with trainer Jim Cassidy in Southern California and a few with Casey Doyle in Northern California.

"Casey told me he had a horse he really liked," Van Kempen said. "Casey never gets any credit for finding Moscow Burning."

For her breeders, the 3-year-old daughter of the Mr. Leader mare Burning Desire had won two of three races, including a five-length victory at Solano in which she had hit the rail.

"I had never seen anything like that win," Van Kempen said.

At Solano, Moscow Burning had run for a \$12,500 tag, and she returned at the Bay Meadows Fair for \$25,000.

"I almost didn't claim her," said Van

Kempen, “because she had run for \$12,500 and was now in for \$25,000.”

Cassidy had just lost a shake for a filly at Del Mar on Van Kempen’s behalf.

“I was very upset about it because she was a lovely filly,” said Cassidy. “Don called me about this filly up north. I said, ‘Let’s claim her. We wanted to claim something.’ So we claimed her.”

By the end of that year, Moscow Burning had won the California Cup Distance Handicap and was poised for greater efforts. However, getting there took some doing.

“She was crazy when Jim got her,” said Van Kempen.

Cassidy puts it a little more diplomatically, saying, “She was a very difficult filly to be around. I had three or four exercise riders on her before I could get anyone who could work with her. I used to jog next to her down to the wire to get her to go.”

Jorge Alvarez, who exercised horses for Cassidy and Bobby Frankel, was able to get the job done. Once Cassidy could work with her, Moscow Burning settled into a well-mannered filly who could beat just about anybody.

She won six stakes and placed in 11 others. One of her finest efforts was a fourth to champion Ouija Board in the 2004 VO5 Breeders’ Cup Filly & Mare Turf (gr. IT) on a yielding grass course at Lone Star Park.

“Mossy hated every step of that race-track,” Van Kempen said. “She tried so hard. I firmly believe we would have beaten Ouija Board if the course had been good.”

The California Thoroughbred Breeders Association voted Moscow Burning California-bred Horse of the Year in 2004, as well as champion state-bred older female and turf horse that season. She repeated as older female in 2006 and surpassed Fran’s Valentine as the all-time leading Cal-bred female earner.

Moscow Burning wasn’t finished paying Van Kempen back. After she closed out her racing career in 2006, Shadai Farm of Japan bought her for \$1 million at the Keeneland November breeding stock sale.

Earlier that same year Lunge foaled The Usual Q. T. to the cover of Unusual Heat. Van Kempen is amazed that a horse he bred was able to surpass Moscow Burning in earnings and graded victories. At the time, Unusual Heat was just beginning to move up the California sire list and wouldn’t lead it until 2008, the year The Usual Q. T. turned 2 and began his racing career.

Don Van Racing owns the majority of The Usual Q. T. Van Kempen’s friends Mi-



Carlee has trained Peaktopeak to be a show horse

chael Nentwig, George Saadeh, and Jeff Byer went in on Lunge after Van Kempen claimed her, and thus they are also partners on The Usual Q. T.

Though he has raced well on the main track, The Usual Q. T. has excelled on the turf. Once he broke his maiden on the surface in August 2009 at Del Mar, the gelding went on a six-race win streak that included four stakes, three graded. After The Usual Q. T. won the 2010 Eddie Read and finished second in the Woodbine Mile (Can-IT), Van Kempen and Cassidy decided to tackle Goldikova in the Breeders’ Cup Mile.

“I thought Moscow’s race (in the Breeders’ Cup) would be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity,” said Carlee, who witnessed both Breeders’ Cup attempts in person. “When we saw The Usual Q. T. had the potential to compete, I was thrilled.”

By the beginning of 2011, The Usual Q. T. had racked up titles as the 2009 California-bred champion 3-year-old male and 2010 Cal-bred turf horse and older male. He was among three finalists for the 2010 state-bred Horse of the Year. As a 5-year-old gelding, he could continue to add substantially to his record.

Though Van Kempen loves the claiming game, he has entered breeding on a small scale. He has four mares, including Persian Express, purchased as a racehorse in Europe and in foal to Unusual Heat, though he lost Lunge to colic last year. He keeps his breeding stock at Rick Taylor’s Special T Thoroughbreds in nearby Temecula.

“I’m just a working guy with a few bucks,” Van Kempen said. “I didn’t buy boats or airplanes or join golf clubs. I bought horses.”

Carlee is quick to praise her father’s Thoroughbred accomplishments.

“I really feel that his commitment to the sport is what has allowed him to compete at this level,” she said. “I’m very proud of him. Even though it’s kind of corny, his racing career is a lot like what you see in the movies—he’s the underdog or little guy committed to winning, and it pays off.”

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